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SUBJ: SECOND JANUARY 15 DEFENDANT CONVICTED

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1. CENTRAL JAKARTA STATE COURT JUNE 12 ANNOUNCED GUILTY VERDICT FOR DEFENDANT IN SECOND SUBVERSION TRIAL STEMMING FROM JANUARY 1974 JAKARTA RIOTS. SJAHRIR, ECONOMICS FACULTY LECTURER AT UNIVERSITY OF INDONESIA, DECLARED GUILTY OF EXPRESSING DISSATISFACTION WITH GOI DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY AND "MAIN GUIDELINES OF STATE POLICY" AND OF INCITING STUDENTS TO ACT IN PTOTEST OF GOVERNMENT POLICIES. SJAHRIR GIVEN 6-1/2 YEAR SENTENCE, MINUS DETENTION TIME ALREADY SERVED (ALMOST 1-1/2 YEARS). BOTH DEFENDENT AND PROSECUTOR, WHO HAD DEMANDED 16 YEAR SENTENCE, ANNOUNCED INTENTION TO APPEAL. END UNCLASSIFIED
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2. COMMENT: SJAHRIR'S 6-1/2 YEAR SENTENCE IS ONLY
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SIX MONTHS MORE THAN SENTENCE GIVEN FIRST JANUARY 15

DEFENDENT, UI STUDENT LEADER HARIMAN SIREGAR, AND IS CONSIDERABLY LESS THAN PROSECUTOR'S DEMAND. SIREGAR SENTENCE OF SIX YEARS WAS CONSIDERABLY CLOSER TO PROSECUTION DEMAND OF TWELVE YEARS. COMPARATIVELY LIGHT SENTENCE FOR SJHRIR, WHO WAS BILLED AS ONE OF INTELLECTUAL INSTIGATORS BEHIND PROTEST MOVEMENT AND THEREFORE MORE SERIOUS OFFENDER THAN STUDENT ACTIVIST SIREGAR, COUPLED WITH TWO WEEK DELAY IN PRONOUNCEMENT OF VERDICT FROM ORIGINALLY ANNOUNCED MAY 29. \$-53, SUGGESTS GOI MAY BE OPTING FOR MORE LENIENT TREATMENT OF REMAINING JANUARY 15 DEFENDENTS THAN ORIGINALLY PLANNED. MORE POSITIVE READING ON POSSIBLE CHANGES IN GOI POLICY ON THIS SUBJECT MUST AWAIT THIRD TRIAL (OF GADJAH MADA UNIVERSITY STUDENT AINI CHALID), DUE TO COMMENCE JUNE 23, AND FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN CASES OF 30 OTHER UNTRIED DETAINEES. NEWSOM

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